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RE: S.R. No. 57
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which
was referred S.R. No. 57 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING
GROUP TO EXAMINE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND RISK
ADJUSTMENT FOR MEDICAID, GAP-GROUP, AND UNINSURED
INDIVIDUALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
reestablishment of a working group to examine social determinants
of health and risk adjustment for Medicaid, gap-group, and
uninsured individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Office of
Hawaiian Affairs, and Hawai'i Primary Care Association. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of
Human Services.

Your Committee finds that social determinants such as
housing, education, social services, leisure activities, culture,
and public safety may have significant impacts on the health and
well-being of individuals within specific demographics and in the
general population. To address disparate health outcomes amongst
specific demographics and improve the overall health and well-
being of the overall community, current best practices in health
planning support policies that consider the social determinants of
health-vulnerable groups. Accordingly, this measure urges the



reestablishment of a working group to examine social determinants of health and risk adjustment for Medicaid, gap-group, and uninsured individuals.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised in testimony from the Department of Human Services that there may be some overlap in tasks assigned to current and proposed task forces and working groups. The Department of Human Services also noted that the size of the working group proposed by this measure is large, which may make it difficult to identify priorities, work on issues, and reach agreement on all items the working group must address. Your Committee understands these concerns and believes these issues merit further discussion as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 57, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 57, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



Record of Votes
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